

## Sura' al-Burooj [The Columns]

In the name of Allah the Gracious the Merciful.  
By the heavenly mansions.  
By the promised day.  
By the testifier and the testified.  
Ruin seize the people of the trenches - -  
The fuel-kindled fire.  
As they sat by.  
And watched over how they treated the believers and they were a witness over it.<sup>1</sup>  
They hated them solely because they believed in Allah the Almighty the Praiseworthy.  
To whom belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the Earth. And Allah is the Witness over everything.  
The punishment of hell and the punishment of burning in it is for those who persecute the believing men and the believing women and repent not.<sup>2</sup>  
But for those who believe and work righteously are Gardens betwixt which streams flow.  
That is the great triumph.  
Surely thy Lord's vengeance is severe.  
It is He who initiates and repeats.  
And He is the Most Forgiving the Most Loving.  
Lord of the Throne Lord of Honour.  
A thorough executor of what He wills.  
Hast thou heard of the story of the hosts?  
Of Pharaoh and Thamud?  
Nay but those who persist in rejecting.  
And Allah encompasses them in a manner they perceive not.  
This is surely a glorious Quran.  
A well-guarded tablet.

This Sura' is Meccan and has 23 verses including Bismillah.

This Sura' is related to the previous Sura' which mentioned the new rising of the moon of Islam. When will this event occur and what will be its purpose? It should be remembered that the heavens have 12 mansions so the time for the manifestation of this prophecy will be after 1200 years and just as the moon is a witness to the sun a Promised One will testify in favour of this grand testimony in that he will stand as a witness in favour of the Muhammad the Prophet of Allah ﷺ. His true followers will also be included in this testimony. Their only

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<sup>1</sup> Verses 5 – 8 prophecy the destruction of those who lit a fire in the pits and threw the believers into it and sat observing the spectacle. These verses implicate a prophecy in that this incident will occur in the future too and that time will be the age of the promised one. So this certainly applies to those innocent Ahmadi victims who were attemptedly burnt alive in their homes and the word قُعُودٌ ['sat by'] reveals that the people sat down to watch the spectacle and nobody took action against the perpetrators of evil. So this grand prophecy has been fulfilled in this way many times when under police surveillance the opponents attempted to burn innocent Ahmadis alive and even succeeding in their endeavour many times and sometimes being unsuccessful.

<sup>2</sup> الحريق: The Fire.

crime will be that they would have believed in the awaited one but in spite of this they will be punished harshly to the extent of being thrown into fire and people will spectate and watch them without having any regard for their suffering. All these things are happening continuously word for word against the devout Ahmadis in Pakistan.

At the end delivers a vigorous warning that when previous people carried out cruelties of this type their cruelties engulfed them turned upon themselves. Thus the well-guarded Quran is cited as a witness that these people too will certainly suffer the consequences of their evils.

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